



**HERE COMES
THE JUDGE**

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In a certain city there lived a highly respected judge. His reputation was spotless. He was being considered for the state supreme court.



He was the honorable
Shelton Barnstead.

His wealthy wife had died, leaving him a mansion —and a fortune.



He gave to charity and
was loved by all.

But Shelton had a dark side that very few knew about*. Take a closer look...

*...Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts..." Luke 16:15

Daddy, we're home!

CRASH!

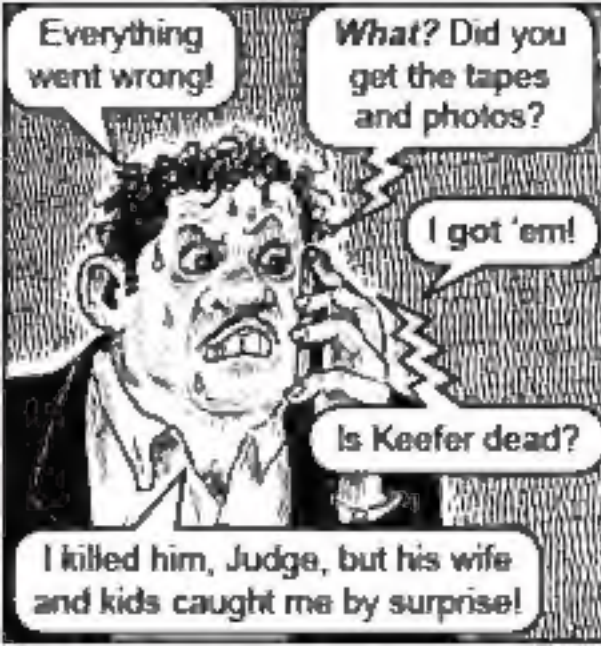
What's that?
What's going on?

Lance! What did
you do to Kyle?

Gasps!





A man with dark, curly hair and a mustache, wearing a suit and tie, looks extremely distressed. He has a wide-eyed, frantic expression and is sweating. His hands are raised near his face. The background is a dark, textured wall.


Everything went wrong!

What? Did you get the tapes and photos?

I got 'em!

Is Keefer dead?

I killed him, Judge, but his wife and kids caught me by surprise!

A caricature of a man with a very long, pointed nose, wearing a striped shirt. He is holding a mobile phone to his ear and has a smug, satisfied expression. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

You messed up big time, stupid! I'll make some calls. We'll protect you.

So calm down and bring me the photos right now! I'll get them to the governor.

We got the stuff, sir, but we've got problems. Lance was arrested 15 minutes ago.



Our men are at Mrs. Keefer's, planting the evidence. Don't worry, sir, we'll destroy her.

Yes, officer?

We found your stash of illegal drugs. Turn around, please.



Kim Keefer, you're under arrest!

What about my children?

Family services is on the way.

My husband was murdered,
my children are gone, and I've
been framed on drug charges.
Isn't there any justice?




Not in this life, honey!

2 Weeks Later

All rise! Criminal court is now
in session, the honorable
Shelton Barnstead presiding.



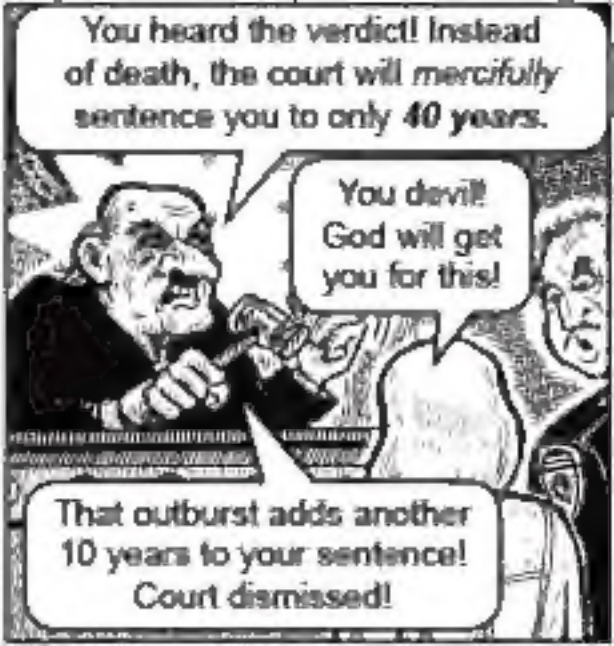
Here comes the
judge. God help us!



And upon entering, the officers found Kyle Koefor dead on the floor...

and his drug crazed wife holding the knife!


For the sake of justice, you must find this evil monster guilty of murder!



You heard the verdict! Instead of death, the court will *mercifully* sentence you to only 40 years.

You devil!
God will get you for this!

That outburst adds another 10 years to your sentence!
Court dismissed!




Where do we stand?

Lance Clawson "accidentally" hung himself in his cell.

Go on.

Mrs. Keefer snapped in solitary confinement. She's in a mental hospital, undergoing shock treatments.



Excellent! So all our problems are solved, right?

I'm afraid not, Governor.

Tell me everything!

Last night some beautiful lady got the judge drunk. She asked questions, and he blabbed away

That's when we moved in and took him home

Who was the woman?

Her name is Maxine West a reporter!

Blast it! Go shut his **BIG MOUTH**, or we'll all go down!

I understand, sir

I don't care *how* — just don't involve me! (Click!)


At 1:47 PM as Judge
Shelton Bamstead dined
in his favorite restaurant



KA-BLAM!

A terrible thing happened!

Breaking news! The popular
Palace Cafe exploded today killing
two and wounding seven others!



TV
reporter
Maxine
West
has died

Judge Shelton Bamstead
is in intensive care

Rats! He's still alive!


2 Weeks Later

You may visit him, sir, but the judge is unable to speak. Please limit your visit to 20 minutes.

Thank you, nurse.

Your Honor, it's me, Conrad. I've been your house servant for 23 years.

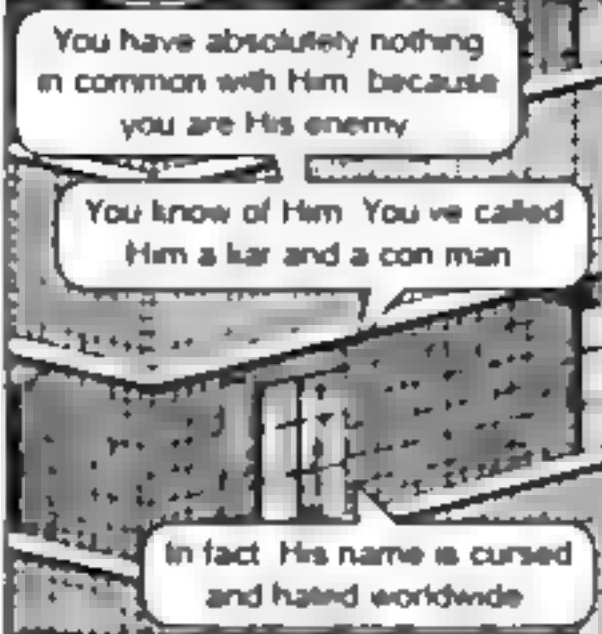
You've treated me like trash since day one. But today, you're going to listen to me.



God spared your life till now but you could still catch pneumonia and die

So before you die you must hear about the awesome Judge you must face after death

It is appointed unto men once to die but after that the judgment Heb 9:27




You have absolutely nothing in common with Him because you are His enemy

You know of Him You've called Him a liar and a con man


In fact His name is cursed and hated worldwide

But I love Him. He's my dearest friend, so let me introduce Him to you, Judge.



He's the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, and Creator of the universe. He is alive and will be your final Judge.

2000 years ago He came to earth because all the people had broken God's laws and were criminals in His sight.



Judge, would you give your life for the people you've found guilty?

For search for a righteous man will not die. Romans 3:12

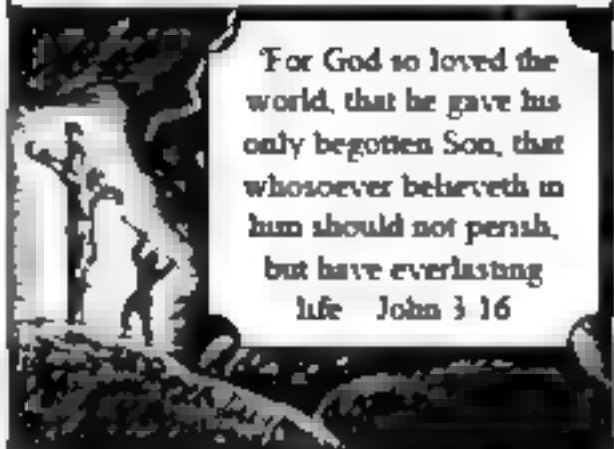
Of course not! But Jesus did!
This merciful judge died for
all the criminals in the world.



He took the penalty for our sins
and was executed in our place

But God commendeth his love toward
us, in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God the Son shed His Holy
blood to wash away our sins



For God so loved the
world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in
him should not perish,
but have everlasting
life John 3:16

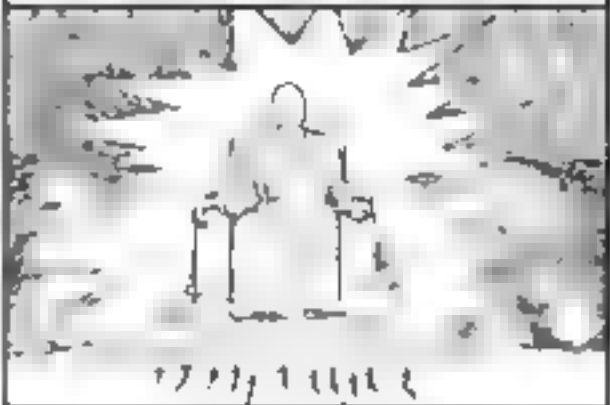
He died and 3 days later
He rose from the dead

To be forgiven, sir you must believe on Jesus who did this for you and pray

Repent and receive the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and you will be forgiven * It's that simple

*See John 1:12

Everyone will realize who Jesus Christ is when they see Him at Judgment Day (Hebrews 9:27)



But before that terrible times are coming

God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ **



So Jesus will remove His wrath off the earth ** to miss the coming time of madness and horror

The nightmare will begin with a one world government ruled by the antichrist * Then God will unleash His wrath on the earth. **



with famine, plague and war. Nations will die. The world will be in shambles.

At the end of those days Jesus will return and destroy the antichrist and his armies at Armageddon.*

Jesus will set up His kingdom and bring true world peace, ruling from Jerusalem.** So now you know. Judge!


*See Rev 19

**Rev 20 1-6

So what's your decision, sir?

Will you receive Jesus?
Or will you reject Him?






My task is done. Your blood is no longer on my hands.*

I need to get in here, sir. Please leave!


Yes, doctor.

*See Ezekiel 3:18-19



Good morning, Shelton! Here's a little present from the governor!

This won't hurt... *much!*



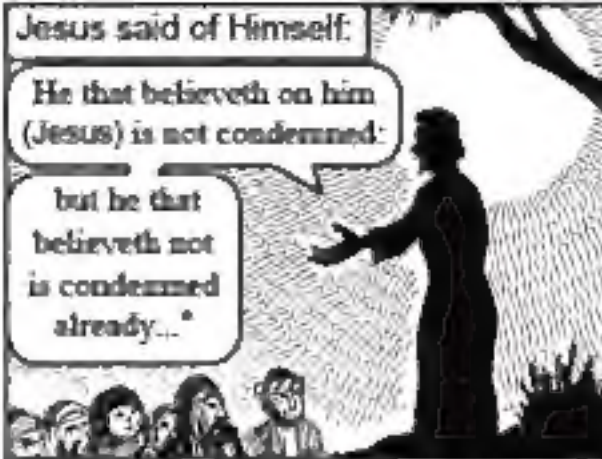
Bye, your Honor!
I'll see you in hell!

23 minutes later the soul of Judge Shelton Bamstead was carried away. His muffled screams went unheard.

Jesus said of Himself:

He that believeth on him
(Jesus) is not condemned:

but he that
believeth not
is condemned
already...*



*As it is written, There is none righteous,
no, not one.** "For all have sinned, and
come short of the glory of God...***

*John 3:18 **Romans 3:10 ***Romans 3:23

If you are lost (in rebellion against your Creator), you are headed straight for hell.

But you can change where your soul will spend eternity.

Jesus will one day be **your Judge!**

Will he be your dearest friend... or your deadliest enemy?

Look what Judge Barnstead's stubbornness and pride cost him... *his soul.**



Don't make the same mistake!

"...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."**

*Matthew 16:26

**Acts 16:31

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

